

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LOURDES LIZ,

Plaintiff,

-v-

FOUNDATION FOR A SMOKE-FREE WORLD,
INC.,

Defendant.
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ORDER

21-CV-281 (ER) (JLC)

JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.

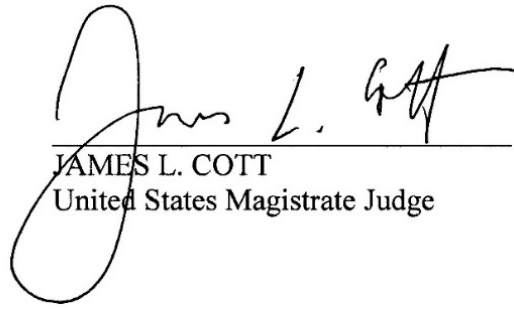
By Order of Reference dated April 21, 2021 (Dkt. No. 14), Judge Ramos referred this case to me for settlement. The parties are directed to advise the Court within 30 days when they wish to schedule the settlement conference. The parties should do so by filing a letter-motion on the docket that indicates at least three dates that are mutually convenient for the parties. Alternatively, counsel are free to e-mail my deputy clerk, David Tam, at David_Tam@nysd.uscourts.gov to find a mutually convenient date for the parties and the Court. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, any settlement conference in the foreseeable future will likely be conducted telephonically. Using the Court's conference line system, the Court will begin the settlement conference in joint session with all parties on the line before breaking into private session and speaking to the parties individually, as the technology the Court is using can facilitate breakout sessions with each side.

If the parties wish to provide a video platform for the settlement conference (such as Zoom, Skype, or the equivalent), or alternatively have the Court provide a

video platform (Microsoft Teams) and not simply proceed telephonically, they may so advise the Court by letter and the Court will then schedule a conference to discuss logistics.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 22, 2021
New York, New York



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Cott", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name and title are printed.

JAMES L. COTT
United States Magistrate Judge